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I slosh through some sort of mottled green brown muck, twigs, cans, and shards of glass sticking to my boots as a trudge along. I can go no further. What once was joyful is now a hassle. Ever since the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) classified this river as that alien term "Class 4", the river has just become even more polluted, clogged, and it ultimately died, leaving a smelly bog sitting there, forever, in its place. All because they deemed it unsaveable. This is the earth, our world, that we live in. No part of nature should be regarded as unsavable.

Hello, my name is Krista Borsari, resident of Wallingford and inhabitant of this green earth. Rivers are a very important part of this world. They could be anything from a water source to religious symbol. Rivers provide habitats, and support the equilibrium of nature around them. If rivers were to dry up or die, so many species would also die.

I encourage you to act against the passing of regulations that can say these beautiful rivers are a Class 4, a simply "unredeemable" part of our world. Please continue your great work in protecting and preserving what is dear to us and all creatures around us. We all look forward to taking that beautiful walk along the river.

Sincerely,

*Krista Borsari*